

## EDITORIAL

With this issue of *The Ohio Journal of Science* this particular swan sings. This marks the completion of seven very enjoyable years as editor, and the time has come to turn the reins over to a new editorial staff in a new geographic location. As has been announced in the *Journal* before, and as appears inside the front cover of this issue, Dr. Tom Schmidlin in the Department of Geography at Kent State University will begin editing the *Journal* before this issue is in your hands. Please send manuscripts to Tom for consideration, and lend him the support you have given to me during my time with the *Journal*. There are too many people to thank for making this experience one that I am happy to have had, but to those at the top of the list: To Sue Wenig and Ardella Pierce, thanks for providing the tops in editorial assistance. I'm sure both of you realize that the *Journal* would not have come together without you (and thanks, Ardella, for agreeing to continue to serve the *Journal* as typesetter). To the staff of The Ohio Academy of Science, thanks for the organizational support. It has been a pleasure working closely with you, and your professionalism is unparalleled. To the members of various OAS Governing Councils, I sincerely appreciate your backing and encouragement. Special thanks to the several people around the state who served as members

of the *OJS* Editorial Board. You may feel that your input was rather minor, but I always felt secure in the knowledge that there were individuals with wide-ranging expertise to call upon. The same thanks squared are due Bob Romans for being Associate Editor until his retirement. To the many, many faceless and nameless (to the general public) reviewers of manuscripts, I know of no other group that has given so selflessly of expertise of a volume and a quality for which it would be impossible to provide financial recompense. You are absolutely a remarkable group. As I said, I can not possibly thank everyone individually within the constraints of a single page, but if you have interacted with the *Journal* since January 1989, consider yourself thanked!

I urge the members of the Ohio Academy of Science to continue to support your Academy and to be proud of its efforts. To the members and to other subscribers to *The Ohio Journal of Science*, I encourage you to support the *Journal* by submission of quality manuscripts for peer review and publication. I wish Tom Schmidlin the best of good fortune as he embarks on his "tour of duty" with the *Journal*. I have every confidence that he will find in editorship the challenge, the joy, and at times the frustration that I have encountered. And so I bid farewell.

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